

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed and considered the Examiner's Action mailed July 18, 2007, in which the subject matter of claim 28 was indicated as being allowable over the prior art of record, if rewritten in independent form. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the comments set forth below.

By this Amendment, claim 27 has been amended to include the subject matter of indicated allowable claim 28, thus independent claim 27 should be allowed over the prior art of record; claims 2, 10-15, and 17-25 have been amended to depend from claim 27 and claims 1, 16 and 28 have been canceled. No claims have been added. Consequently, claims 2-15, 17-25 and 27 remain under consideration.

Support for the amendments to the claims can be found in the claims. Therefore, no new matter has been added. Amendment of a claim is not to be construed as a dedication to the public of any subject matter.

Priority

The Examiner requires reference to the prior PCT application to be inserted as the first sentence of the specification.

The reference to the prior application has been previously submitted in an Application Data Sheet within the time set forth in 37 CFR 1.78(a) but not in the first sentence of the specification. Applicants have therefore submitted the reference in compliance with 37 CFR 1.78(a) by filing an amendment to the first sentence of the specification as requested by the Examiner.

Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to claims 10-11 due to various informalities.

Claim 10 has been amended by replacing “ocking” with the word “locking” as required. It is respectfully submitted that this objection has now been overcome.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner has rejected claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner is of the view that the phrase “in register with” is unclear. The phraseology has been replaced by “in alignment with” in claim 13 and it is respectfully submitted that this rejection has now been overcome.

Withdrawal of this rejection is therefore requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-2, 4-10 and 12-15 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 4,447,920 to Rosen. Further, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 11 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 4,763,952 to Gandreau, Jr. Still further, the Examiner has rejected claims 16-22, 24 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 4,127,966 to Schmidt. In addition, the Examiner has rejected claims 16, 17, 19-20 and 23-24 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,425,273 to Kim et al.

However, the Examiner has indicated that claim 28 would be allowable if it were rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim (claim 27) and any intervening claims.

The Applicants have amended claim 27 to include the features of claim 28 in claim 27. It is respectfully submitted that claim 27 as amended is in an allowable form. The remaining claims in the present application have been made dependent on claim 27, either directly or indirectly, and it is respectfully submitted that these claims are now also in an allowable format.

It is respectfully submitted that the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) has been overcome and withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicants have fully responded to each matter of substance raised in the Office Action and believe that the case is in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the application is therefore courteously solicited. Should the Examiner believe that a conference would advance the prosecution of this application, she is encouraged to telephone the undersigned counsel to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,



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